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FUNSTON REPORT
BEFORE CABINET

Commander Outlines Situation Requiring Action in Washington.

QUESTION OF RECALL
OF ARMY IN ABEYANCE

Believed Developments in Europe Will Influence Future Course.

Washington, April 18.—The Administration today is awaiting further developments in the Mexican situation before deciding whether the punitive expedition shall be withdrawn or whether the campaign shall be enlarged.

President Wilson and his Cabinet discussed the situation briefly today in the light of a review of its military aspects submitted by General Funston. It was announced later that the situation was unchanged and the Administration's policy unaltered. One member of the Cabinet admitted that no final decision had been reached as to withdrawal of the troops.

Officials would reveal no word of the report submitted by General Funston. It was apparent that he outlined a situation which required action in Washington. The line of communication with General Pershing's forces already is drawn too thin, and there is no disposition here to contradict border advice that more troops must be sent if the chase is to be pressed further.

Secretary Baker arranged to take additional advisers to the White House as they came. He conferred with Secretary Lansing during the late afternoon.

Some officials expressed the belief that the United States must wait and see what transpired beyond the border before it would determine greatly to increase the forces there or, on the other hand, determine to withdraw at once. The report of Villa's death has not been cleared up as yet. Doubt as to its truth steadily increases, and dispatches from General Litcher, at Chihuahua, received today, characterized the report as without foundation.

The Washington government, as nearly as the attitude of the Cabinet can be learned, is in no mood to force matters in Mexico, as the main purpose of the expedition—protection of the border—is regarded as already accomplished.

In some quarters it was suggested that an agreement for withdrawal might be reached with General Carranza on the basis that if Villa or his men again headed northward and reached within some specified distance of the border, despite the efforts of Carranza troops to check them, United States troops would again take up the trail. There was nothing to indicate this plan had actually been discussed.

3,000 MORE MEN GOING TO MEXICO

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soldiers, who are as antagonistic to the Americans as are the Villistas. Carranza commanders are unable to keep them from attacking Americans who become isolated from their column and shipping by civilians or scattered Carranzistas is becoming more frequent.

Sixteen carloads of additional supplies for General Pershing's army were sent south from Juarez today, shipments being made to Casas Grandes over the Mexican Northwestern and to Chihuahua City over the Mexican Central. The supplies are billed to individuals.

Villistas received 2,000 reinforcements in Durango today, according to reports tonight from Chihuahua to Americans here. The report said that

"GRINGO" HUMANITY MYSTIFIES HIM.



This wounded Villista, captured after a skirmish with Dodd's troops, cannot understand why his hurts are dressed daily at the Columbus, N. M., base hospital, while he expected execution. Like his fellows there, he is wondering for what fate he is being saved.

General Pedro Bracamonte has a force of 2,000 rebels, has declared for the Villista cause and has entered Durango to move against the American forces should they penetrate the mountain country of that state.

Mexican civilians who until now have been glad to sell food to the American soldiers are evincing the growing feeling by refusing to sell anything to an American in uniform.

Bell Calls Villa Story Fake.

General Bell, reporting today to Major General Funston, gave it as his opinion, after as thorough an investigation as he could make, that the report of Villa's death had been manufactured in Juarez.

Consul Garcia gave out the following message from Governor Enriquez at Chihuahua City:

"News of the capture of Villa has not yet been confirmed. Many reports have been received that he is dead and these reports are considered worthy of belief. Colonel Carranza and the other chiefs are occupied in tracking down Villa and bringing him back dead or alive."

General Gavira today received word from Cuahuitlan that General Carranza had not returned from San Francisco Bay, where he went for Villa's body.

Ex-Villista to Seek Trail of Outlaw

El Paso, Tex., April 18.—Emil Holmdahl, former Villa artillery leader, has been engaged by the United States army

PERSHING READY
TO MEET TROUBLE

Strengthens Army Bases as Result of Incident at Parral.

DECLARES TOMPKINS
HAD ACTED PROPERLY

Villa Pursuit at Standstill Because of Attitude of Carranzistas.

By ROBERT DUNN.

At the Front, near Parral, Mex., April 15, General Pershing has prepared for any untoward emergency that may arise as an aftermath of the battle at Parral. Measures have been taken to strengthen all the bases in Mexico and to guard against any repetition of the Parral incident. Sentiment in this region against the Americans is growing, despite efforts of a few Carranza officials to overcome it.

Charges that the agreement with the Carranza government was broken by the troops entering Parral are denied vigorously by General Pershing.

"I am assured," he said, "that the conduct of our men was legal and proper in every way."

Reports of the incident received by General Pershing show that twenty troopers of the 13th Cavalry entered the town to purchase supplies. When they reached the plaza citizens and Carranza soldiers opened fire on them. The Americans, with only sidearms with which to defend themselves, returned the fire. Major Tompkins then rushed forward a detachment with two machine guns.

Parral soldiers and citizens took to the rooftops. After a hot battle in the streets and at the outskirts of the town the cavalrymen retreated, still fighting, in their effort to avoid a further clash, in accordance with their orders. Two Americans were killed and six wounded, while the Mexicans lost thirty-eight in killed and an unknown number wounded.

U. S. Army Officers Fired On by Snipers

Camp of General J. J. Pershing at the Front, April 17, by wireless to

Columbus, N. M.: A small party of American officers was fired upon near here last night. None of them was injured. This, coming on the heels of other reports of sniping, is responsible for the belief that the expeditionary command is confronted with a serious problem.

Pursuit of Villa is at a standstill because of the unprovoked attack upon American cavalrymen by the insubordinate soldiers of the Carranza garrison at Parral. At General Pershing's headquarters there seemed no prospect of resumption of the chase, because of numerous indications that a continuation of the pursuit would meet with armed resistance.

A report received here from Carranza sources that a Villa colonel, captured near Cuahuitlan, had promised to lead a party to a grave in which Villa

STRAW VOTE SHOWS
BAY STATE FOR T. R.

Canvass Places Roosevelt Ahead of G. O. P. Candidates.

(By Telegram to The Tribune.)

Boston, April 18.—A straw vote of Republican voters, just begun by "The Boston Record," shows thus far a strong Roosevelt lead over all other Republican candidates. The figures are: Roosevelt, 55; all others, 35. Those who favored the Bird-Cushing set of delegates to the Chicago convention number 105; those for Weeks-Grane delegates numbered sixty-two; of those interviewed 149 said they

were likely to vote at the primaries and thirty-five said they were not likely to vote.

A few of the voters interviewed, though Republicans, expressed the opinion that President Wilson would be reelected.

"The Boston Record" is owned by Charles Sumner Bird.

Bay Ridge Car Strikes Boy.
Henry E. King, eighteen years old, of 1409 Eighty-third Street, Coney Island, was run down by a Bay Ridge car as he was crossing the intersection of Bay Twentieth and Eighty-sixth Street late last night. He was dragged several yards before the car could be brought to a standstill. The youth is dying in the Coney Island Hospital.

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AMERICAN CONFIRMS
WOUNDING OF VILLA

Regards His Reported Death as Highly Probable.

El Paso, Tex., April 18.—Reports of Villa's death were indirectly confirmed here today by an American mining man who controls large interests in the Carranza district. This man is in close touch with the American military authorities and has forwarded his information to Washington. He said:

"I know beyond any question that Villa was wounded at Guerrero. I have learned my account of the affair from one in whom I have the fullest confidence. He tells me Villa was shot through the right knee, the bullet striking his knee, which fell, pinning his hand under it and injuring his leg. This was on March 20. After that I received daily reports about Villa's movements up to April 5, when it was at Saltillo. Since then I have heard nothing about him. Knowing his audacity and the certainty of his being wounded, I consider it highly probable he is dead, as he assuredly could not have gotten any proper medical treatment."

CARRANZA TO EXPEL
UNDESIRABLE ALIENS

Calls on Mexicans to Present Any Condemnatory Evidence.

Mexico City, April 18.—Government authorities today are investigating reports of sniping in whole districts in accordance with the order issued on all merchants to render to the Price Regulating Commission the exact quantity of goods on hand. Merchants who have not rendered a correct report will be imprisoned and their stocks will be seized and sold.

In cases where the arrested merchant is a foreigner Article 23 of the Federal Constitution will be applied. This article gives the authorities the right to expel "an alien and pernicious foreigner."

The Minister of the Interior today issued an order to all consuls to present to the consular authorities any evidence against foreigners to present it so that Article 23 may be applied in their cases.

The consuls not only merchants, but all foreigners who have had political connections with former government regimes.

"Foreigners who have meddled in the internal affairs of Mexico must go," is the cry of the administration. Various representatives of the diplomatic corps have called at the Foreign Office to obtain some sort of guarantee for foreigners thus treated.

Alleged Raid Guide Held.

Columbus, N. M., April 18.—Tandy Sanford, a Mexican suspected of guiding Villa and his band into Columbus the night of the raid, was brought here today aboard a truck train. He was placed in the guard house.

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